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Minor irrigation works for the Salem district.

* 292 *Q*.—Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted to Salem district for minor irrigation works for the year 1952–53; and

(*b*) what was the amount asked for by the Collector, Salem, in this respect?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Rupees one lakh and eighty-eight thousand, four hundred and fifty, Sir.

" (*b*) Rupees two lakhs and forty-two thousand, seven hundred."

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சேலம் ஜில்லா பின் தங்கிய ஜில்லாவாக இருந்தும் அதற்கு அதிகப்படியான தொகை நீர்ப்பாசனத்திற்கு ஒதுக்கப் படாமல் இவ்வளவு குறைவான தொகை ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பது ஏன் ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I won't admit that Salem is a backward district. Of the amount allotted for minor irrigation works by the Government, I find that most of the amount has been spent and that only a sum of three thousand rupees has been surrendered."

The Pullambadi Project.

* 293 *Q*.—Sri M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Madras Government have taken steps to see that the Pullambadi Project is included in the list of irrigation projects newly to be taken up for execution?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The scheme has been deferred in view of the uncertainty of supplies in the Cauvery in recent years. It can be considered if the water position shows a marked improvement over a period."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" தற்பொழுது காவேரியில் இருந்து சென்னைக்கு தண்ணீர் கொண்டுவர முடியும் என்று இன்றுள்ள என்ஜினியர்கள் சொல்லும் காலத்தில், புள்ளம்பாடி திட்டம் கடந்த 25 ஆண்டுகளாக இருப்பதால், அடுத்த ஆண்டு தண்ணீர் வந்ததும் அந்த திட்டத்தை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, I have stated the opinion of the engineers only. The hon. Member seems to have got more information from the engineers and if he supplies me with that information I shall be able to do better."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" In answer to a previous question, the Hon. the Chief Minister was pleased to say that doubts were entertained with regard to the availability of water. It is not known whether these doubts have been cleared or not as a result of further investigation made by the Government. May I know whether the Hon. Minister for Public Works will be